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Dear valued friend of Scouting,

Thank you for your continued support of the Scouting program. It is only with your support that we are able to deliver the nation's foremost youth development program to our community.

I am writing to provide you with an update following the 2015 National Annual Meeting in May. As you may know, during this meeting our national president, Dr. Robert M. Gates, encouraged the Scouting family to reflect on the challenges facing the organization and potential alternatives for addressing them.

As a result, the Boy Scouts of America Executive Committee held a special meeting on Friday, July 10, to review a resolution amending the adult leadership standards policy. This resolution was unanimously adopted by those present and voting. On Monday, July 13, it was shared with the National Executive Board, which will meet to ratify this resolution on Monday, July 27.

This resolution allows chartered organizations to select adult volunteer leaders without regard to sexual orientation, continuing Scouting's longstanding policy of chartered organizations selecting their leaders. This change allows Scouting's members and parents to select local units, chartered to organizations with similar beliefs, that best meet the needs of their families. This change also respects the right of religious chartered organizations to choose adult volunteer leaders whose beliefs are consistent with their own. It is important to note that the 2013 youth membership policy is not affected by this resolution and remains unchanged.

Please know that we will share any updates with you as new information is available. However, if you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, please contact Scout Executive, Mark Barbernitz at 301 739-1211 or mark.barbernitz@scouting.org.

Yours in Scouting,

Mark Barbernitz
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